

GUIDELINE C-7
(formerly 14-08)

Burning at Landfill Sites

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Environmental Protection Act, RSO 1990, Sections 6, 14 and 27

Ontario Regulation 347, Sections 1 and 12.1

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The primary purpose of this guideline is to provide a set of operational requirements for the orderly burning of segregated clean wood and brush in a safe and environmentally- acceptable manner at appropriate landfill sites. This guideline is intended for use by landfill operators in their operation of a landfill site, and by Ministry staff during their review and inspection of landfill operations. The operational requirements are provided in Section 4-21, "Open Burning of Waste", of Procedure C-8-1: "Guidance Manual for Landfill Sites Receiving Municipal Waste" (C-8-1).

The guideline shall be enforced by including appropriate conditions on a Certificate of Approval for a landfill site, and by the Regions during the normal course of their activities.

1.0 Introduction

The burning of municipal waste, except for a limited number of specific materials, is prohibited by O. Regulation 347, Section 12.1. Segregated clean wood and brush, however, may be burned at certain sites, subject to certain requirements. These requirements are detailed in Section 4.21 of Procedure C-8-1: "Guidance Manual for Landfill Sites Receiving Municipal Waste".

2.0 General Requirements

As part of an overall program to maximize waste capacity at existing landfill sites, thereby extending their life, burning of clean wood and brush may be allowed under strictly controlled conditions.

2.1 Other Agencies

The Ministry of Natural Resources and local municipal authorities shall be consulted to obtain any necessary permits. Specific regulations enforced by the Ministry of Natural Resources shall be complied with for burning wood and brush at landfills located north of Ontario's fire line.

2.2 Certificate of Approval

Burning of any kind is not permitted at new landfill sites unless specifically allowed in the Certificate of Approval.

3.0 Operational Requirements

The operational requirements are detailed under Section 4.21.3 of the guidance manual under the headings of:

- (a) Weather and Atmospheric Conditions,
- (b) Supervision,
- (c) Environmental Controls,
- (d) Extinguishing Requirements,
- (e) Access Control, and
- (f) Resolution of Complaints.